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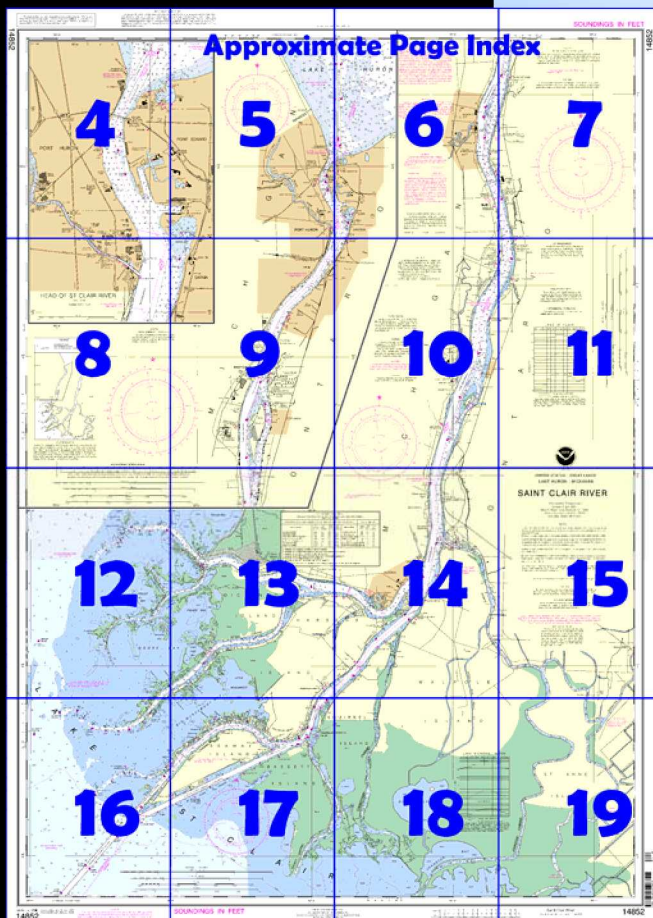
Saint Clair River

(NOAA Chart 14852)



A reduced scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters. When possible, use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

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- ✓ Print at home for free
- ✓ Convenient size
- ✓ Up to date with all Notices to Mariners
- ✓ United States Coast Pilot excerpts
- ✓ Compiled by NOAA, the nation's chartmaker.



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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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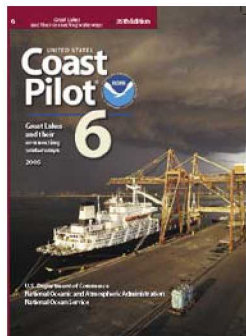
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 6, Chapter 8 excerpts]

(20) **St. Clair River** flows S from Lake Huron and empties into the NE side of Lake St. Clair. The mouth of the river is an extensive delta providing numerous outlets into the lake.

(22) **Chenal Ecarte** (also known as **The Snye**), branches eastwards from St. Clair River at **Baby Point** (42°38'N., 82°30'W.), 1.8 miles NNE of Russell Island. The main route to **Wallaceburg** is via Chenal Ecarte and **Sydenham River**, which flows into

Chenal Ecarte 6 miles SE of Baby Point. Consult the appropriate local authority, which is the Base Manager, Canadian Coast Guard Base, Amherstburg, Ontario, for the latest depth information.

(50) **St. Clair Cutoff Channel**, the main vessel route through the St. Clair River delta, extends ENE from the N end of Lake St. Clair ship channel for about 6 miles between **Seaway Island** and Bassett Island to

its junction with South Channel at the SE end of Harsens Island. The channel is maintained by the Canadian Government and is well marked by lighted and unlighted buoys, lights, and a **064°15'** lighted range on Squirrel Island.

(52) **St. Clair Flats Canal** extends from the N end of Lake St. Clair ship channel NE for about 1.7 miles along the SW end of Seaway Island to the junction with South Channel. The canal is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys, a light, and a **041°** lighted range. **South Channel** extends from the N end of St. Clair Flats Canal along the NW side of Seaway Island and bends E along the S shore of **Harsens Island, MI** to the junction with St. Clair Cutoff Channel at **Southeast Bend**. This section of South Channel is well marked by lights.

(57) **Russell Island, MI**, is on the W side of South Channel just below the junction with North Channel. A shallow bank extends about 0.5 mile NNE from the head of the island. A lighted buoy marks the NE side of the shoal.

(58) **North Channel**, the northwesternmost part of the St. Clair River delta, branches W from the river just N of Russell Island, flows along the N side of Harsens Island and **Dickinson Island**, and empties into the E side of Anchor Bay. The outlet of the channel in the shallow water of Anchor Bay is well marked by buoys. Two irregularly shaped diked disposal areas front the channel on the N side of Dickinson Island.

(60) **Middle Channel** leads SW from North Channel between Harsens Island and Dickinson Island. The outlet in Lake St. Clair is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys. A 22-acre diked disposal area is on the W side of Harsens Island about 1.2 miles below the junction with North Channel.

(61) **Algonac, Mich.**, is a summer resort at the head of North Channel opposite Russell Island. Marinas at Algonac provide transient berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, sewage pump-out, marine supplies, and a launching ramp. A 50-foot marine railway and hoists to 25 tons are available for hull and engine repairs. Ferries operate from Algonac to Harsens Island, Russell Island, and Walpole Island, Ont.

(68) **Port Lambton, Ont.**, a village on the E side of the river about 1 mile above the junction with Chenal Ecarte, has a 125-foot Government wharf with a reported depth alongside of about 12 feet. A marina is close S of the Government wharf.

(71) **Fawn Island, Ont.**, is off the Canadian side of the river about 3 miles above Port Lambton. Shoals with depths to 1 foot extend 0.4 mile SSW and NNE from the island. A buoy marks the S end of the shoals S of Fawn Island. A shoal with a least depth of 5 feet extends along the E limit of the dredged channel from about 0.3 to 1.3 miles N of Fawn Island with a deep channel between. An unmarked channel with a least depth of about 18 feet passes E of Fawn Island and the shoals. The channel is slightly winding and is not frequently used; the dredged channel W of Fawn Island is the preferred route.

(72) **Marine City, Mich.**, is on the W side of the river 7 miles above Russell Island. **Belle River** flows S through the town and empties into the St. Clair River NW of Fawn Island. A ferry operates between Marine City and Sombra, Ont.

(82) **Sombra, Ont.**, is on the E side of the St. Clair River opposite Marine City, MI.


(100) Cargill Salt Co. receives salt and coal at a wharf on the W side of the St. Clair River just below the mouth of the Pine River. The wharf has 1,085 feet of berthing space with reported depths of 16 to 19 feet alongside and a deck height of 7½ feet. The wharf has 1.1 acres of open storage for 55,000 tons of coal and 7,500 tons of salt.

(105) **Courtright, Ont.**, is a village on the E side of the river opposite St. Clair, MI. The **Public wharf**, is 180 feet (54.9 m) long, 10 feet (3 m) wide and 6 feet (1.8 m) high, and had a depth of 11 feet (3.4 m) in 1994. Courtright is a **Customs vessel reporting station** for pleasure craft.

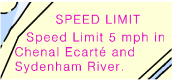
(106) **Mooretown, Ont.**, is on the E side of the river 1.5 statute miles (1.3 nm) above Courtright. The wharf at Mooretown had a depth of 7 feet (2.1 m) in 1994 but had no facilities for boaters. A pile 52 feet (15.8 m) south of the SW corner of the wharf had an elevation of 3 feet (0.9 m) in 1994.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

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Chenal Ecarté.

 Pump-out facilities

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
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



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
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NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS
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Detroit, MI KEC-63 162.55 MHz

HORIZONTAL DATUM
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.108" northward and 0.287" eastward to agree with this chart.

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WARNING
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RADAR REFLECTORS
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

NOTE Z
NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140
Michigan waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior, Erie and St. Clair, all waterways connected thereto, and all inland lakes are designated as a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. Commercial vessel sewage shall include graywater. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/.

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

CAUTION
Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted stakes and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

CAUTION
POTABLE WATER INTAKE (PWI)
Vessels operating in fresh water lakes or rivers shall not discharge sewage, or ballast, or bilge water within such areas adjacent to domestic water intakes as are designated by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 1250.93). Consult U. S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

CAUTION
Due to periodic high water conditions in the Great Lakes, some features charted as visible at Low Water Datum may be submerged, particularly in the near shore areas. Mariners should proceed with caution.

SOURCE DIAGRAM
Most of the hydrography identified by the letter "J" was surveyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to 1974. Other outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels currently maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.


CAUTION
This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner.

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BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U. S. Coast Pilot 6.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U. S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U. S. Coast Guard Light List.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For a complete list of symbols and abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.

 Vessel Traffic Services calling-in point; arrow indicates direction of vessel movement. Mandatory calling-in points are identified numerically. Voluntary calling-in points are identified alphabetically. For additional information see U.S. Coast Pilot 6 and the U.S. and Canadian Notice to Mariners.

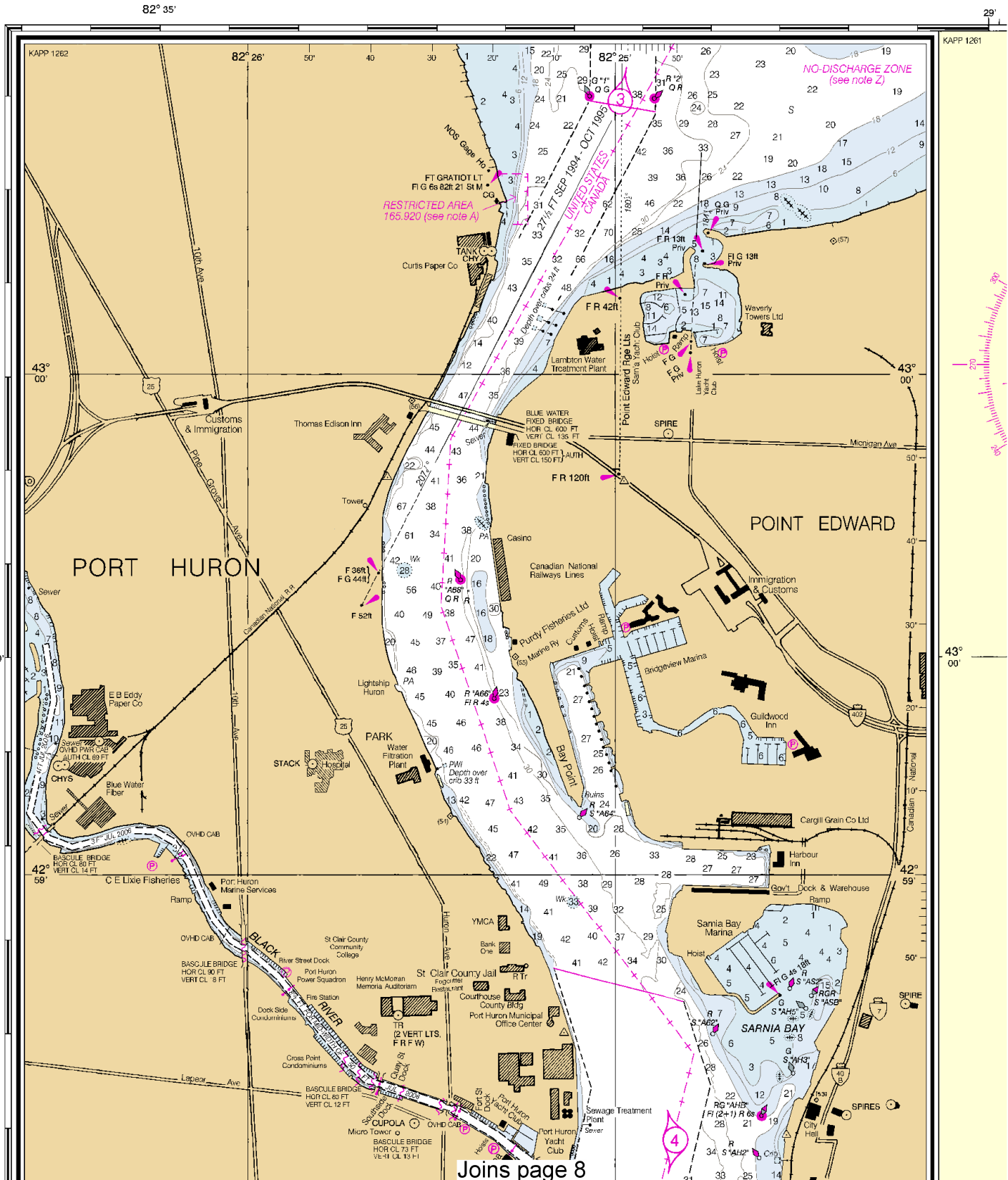
PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum). Depths are referred to the sloping surface of the river when Lake Huron is at elevation 577.5 feet and Lake St. Clair is at elevation 572.3 feet.
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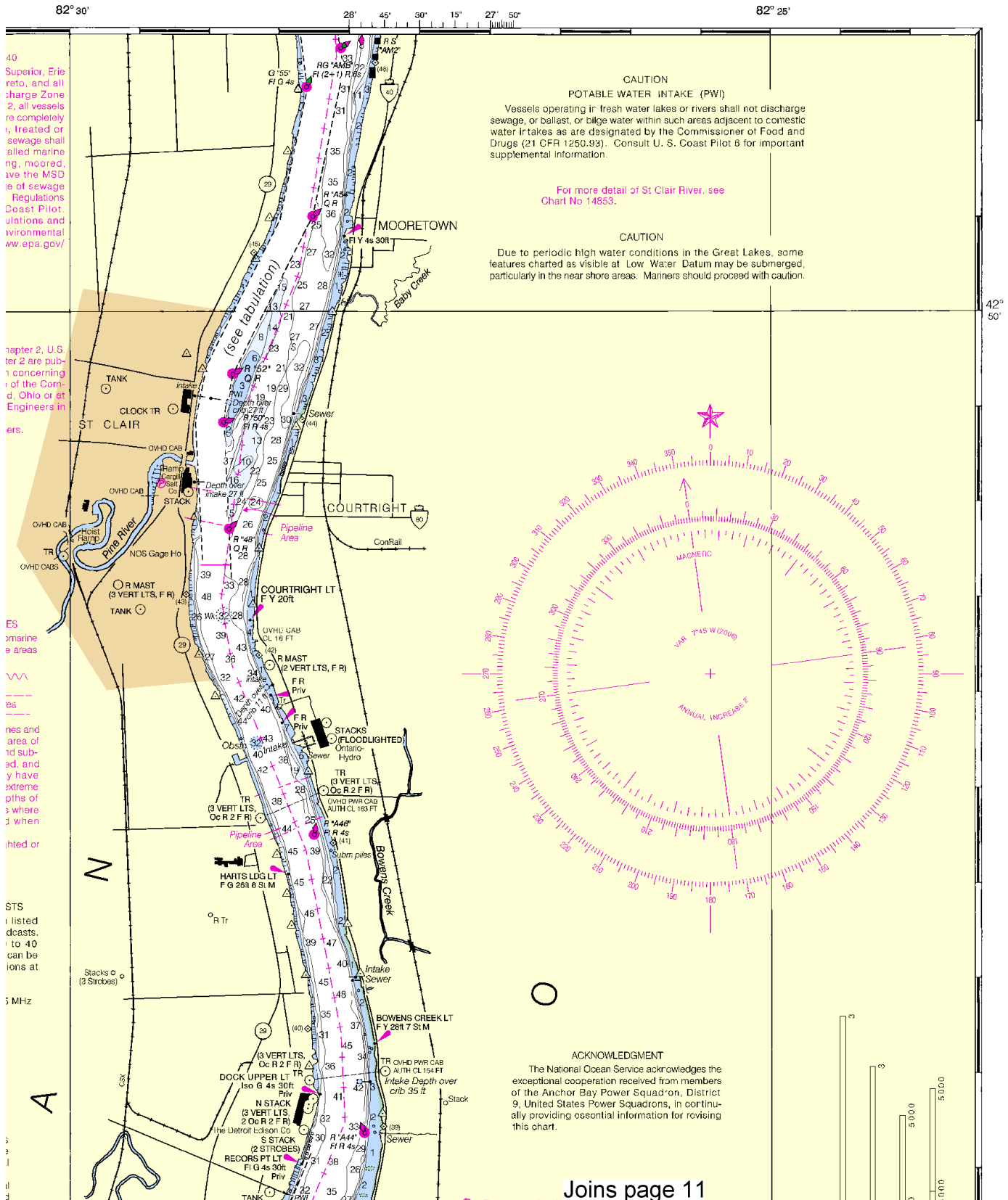
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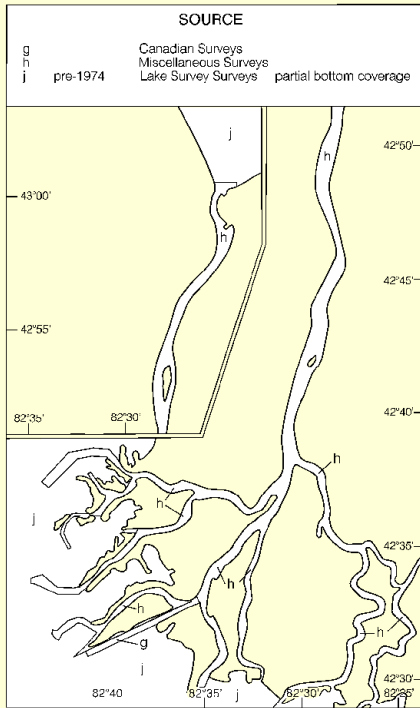
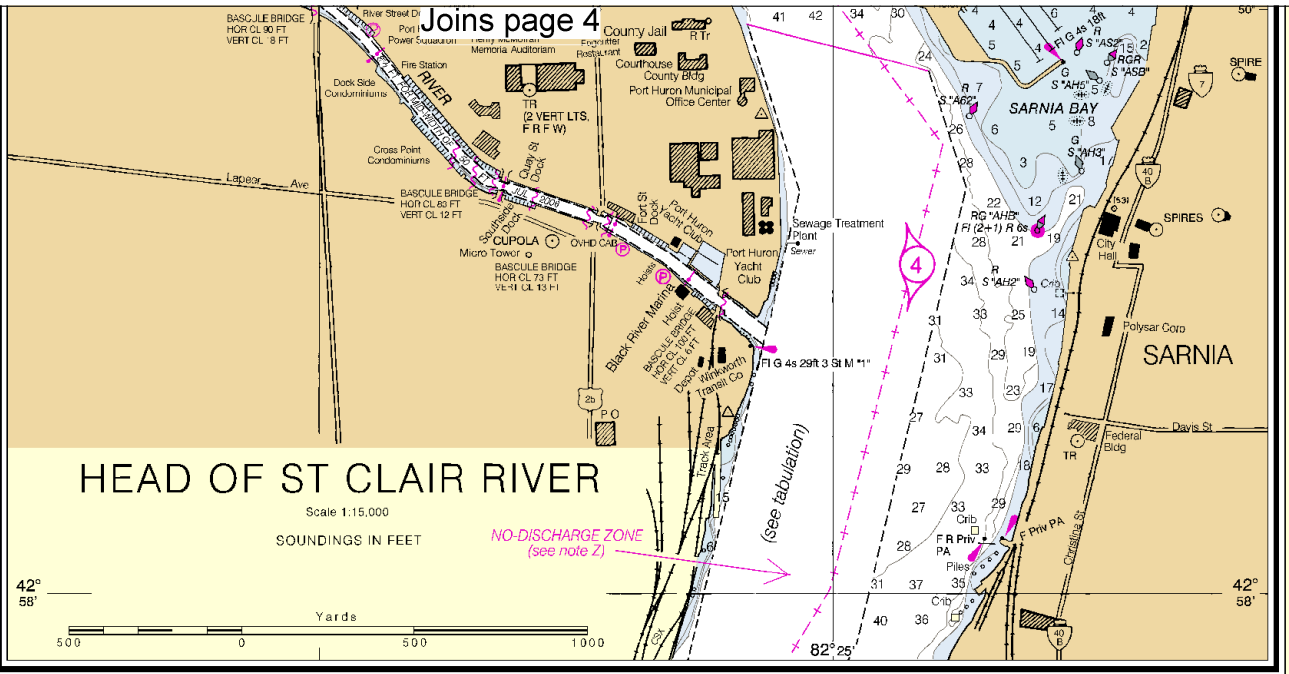


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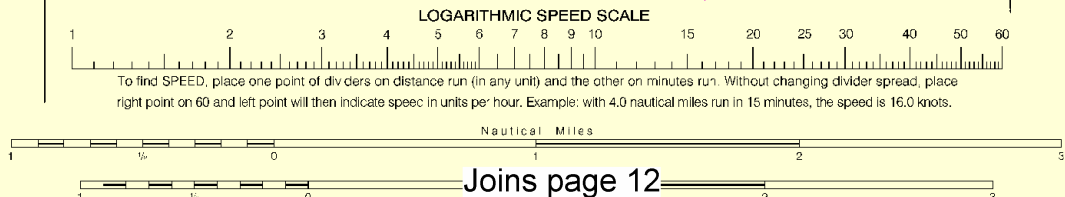
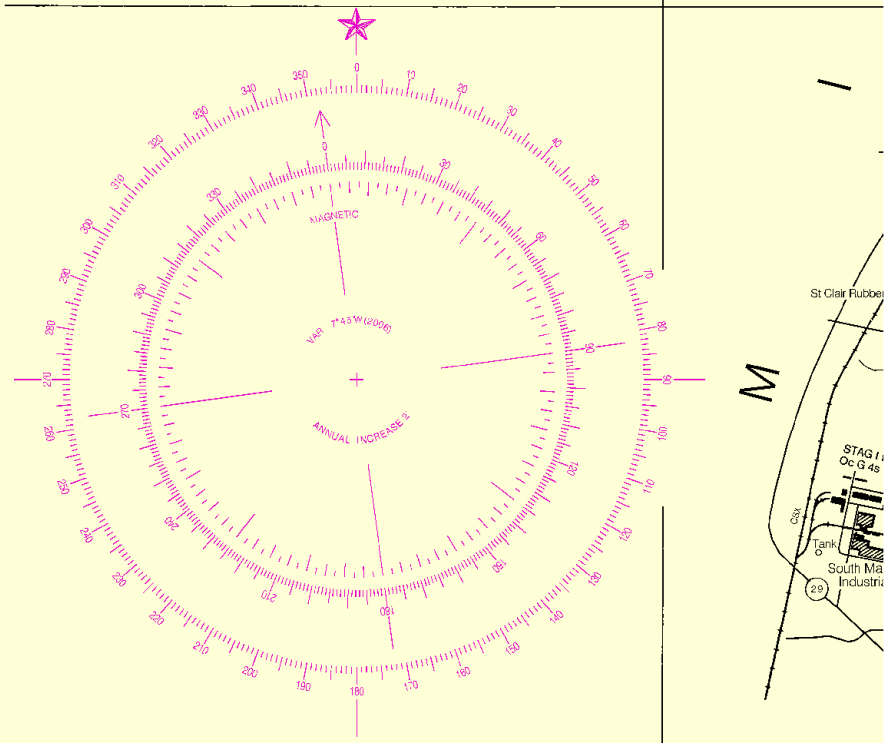
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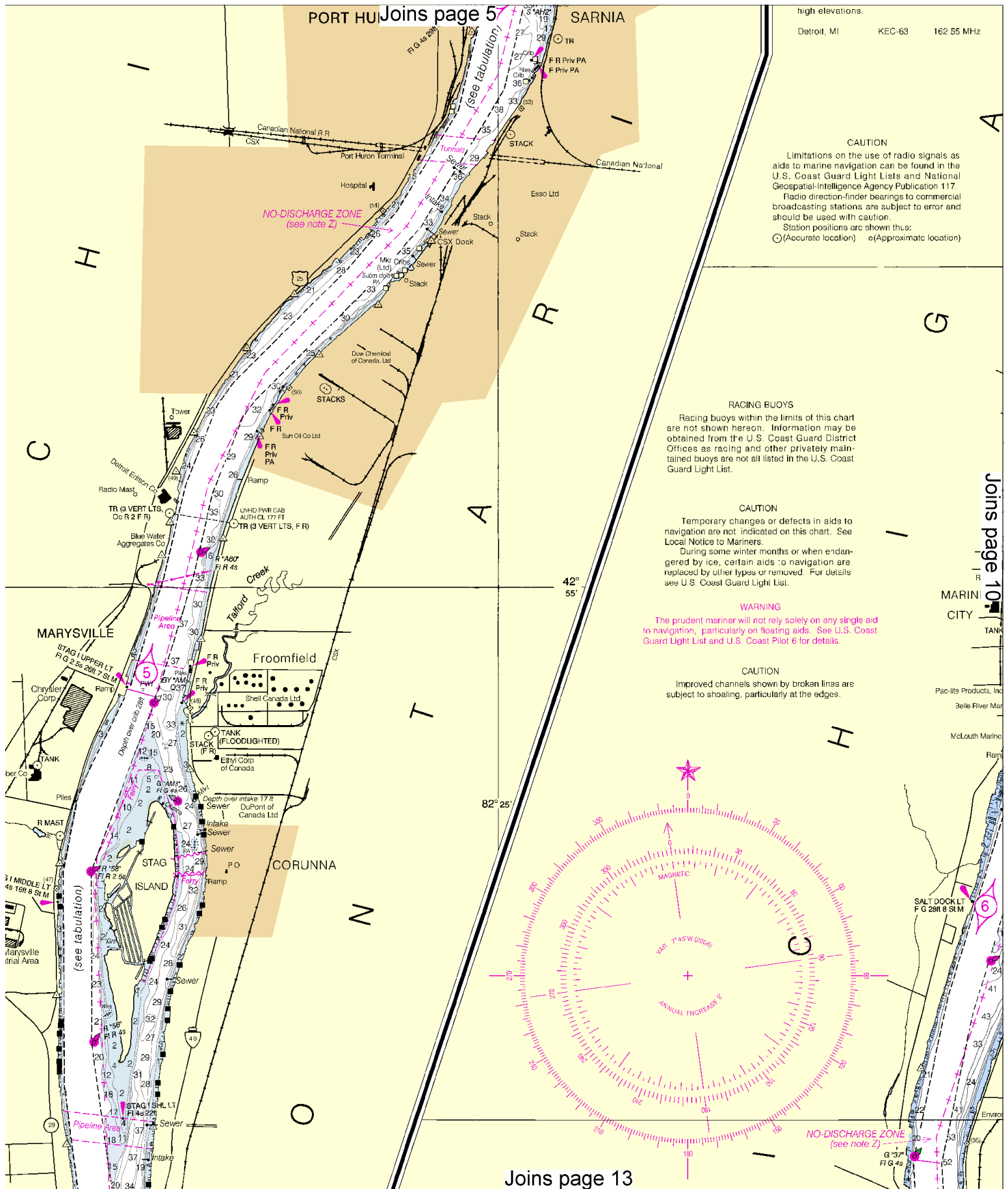
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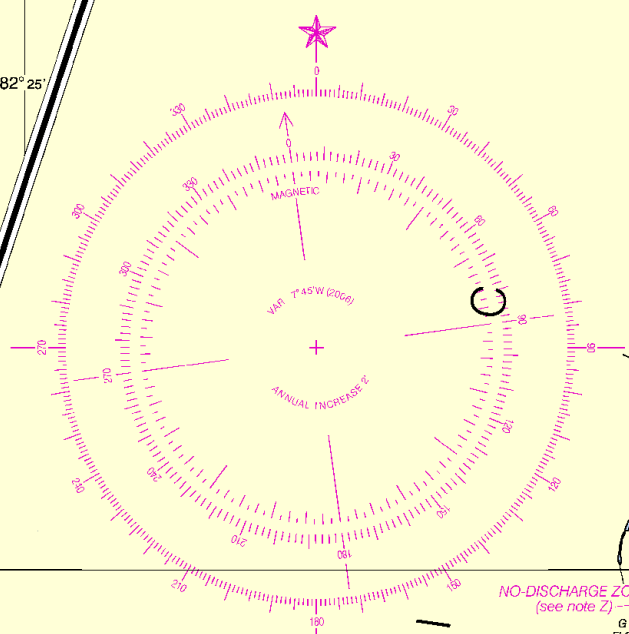
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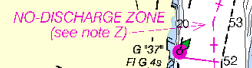
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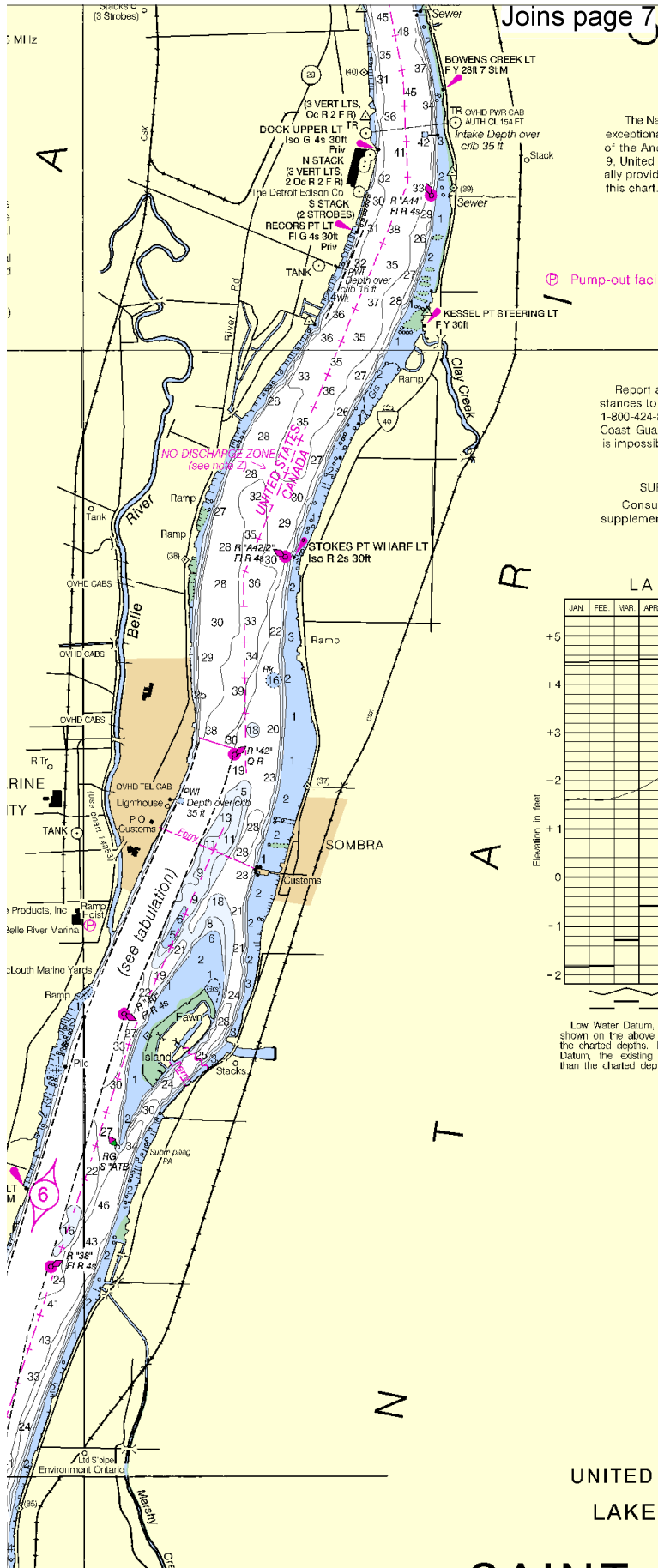
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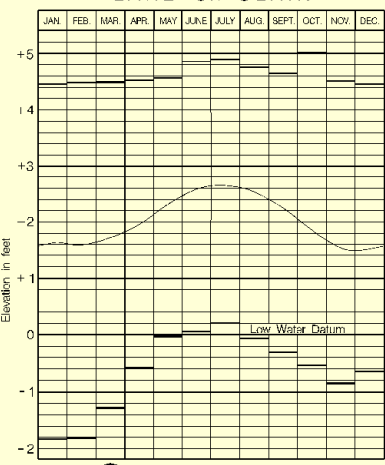


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LAKE ST. CLAIR



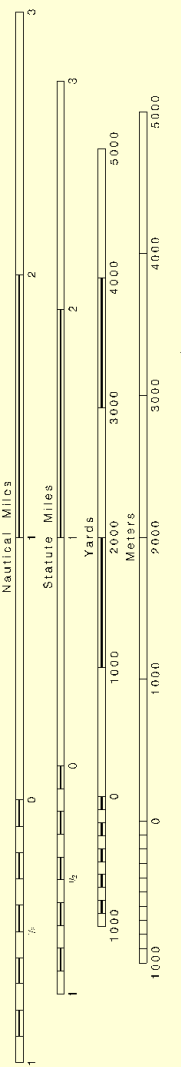
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 LAKE HURON - MICHIGAN

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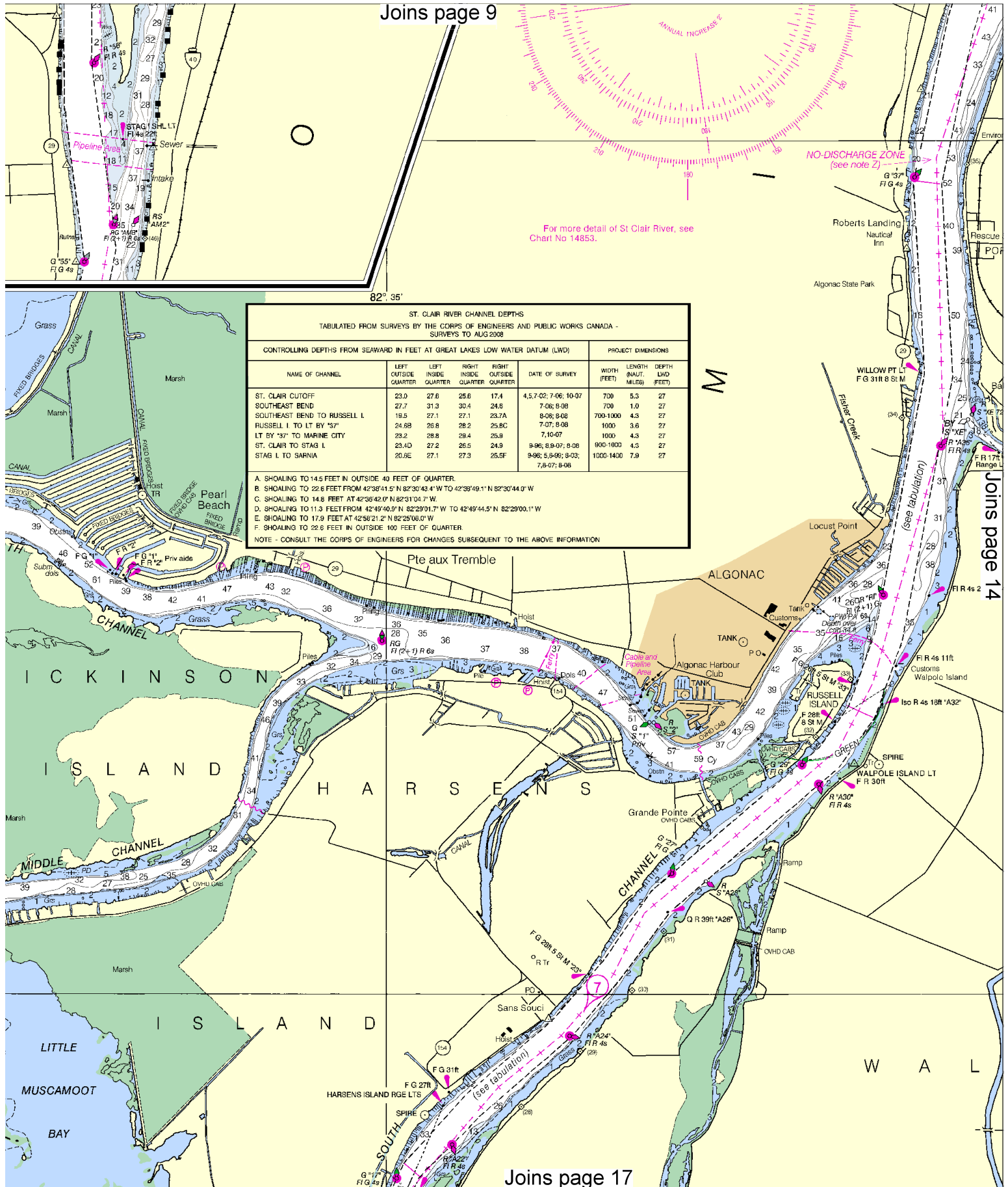
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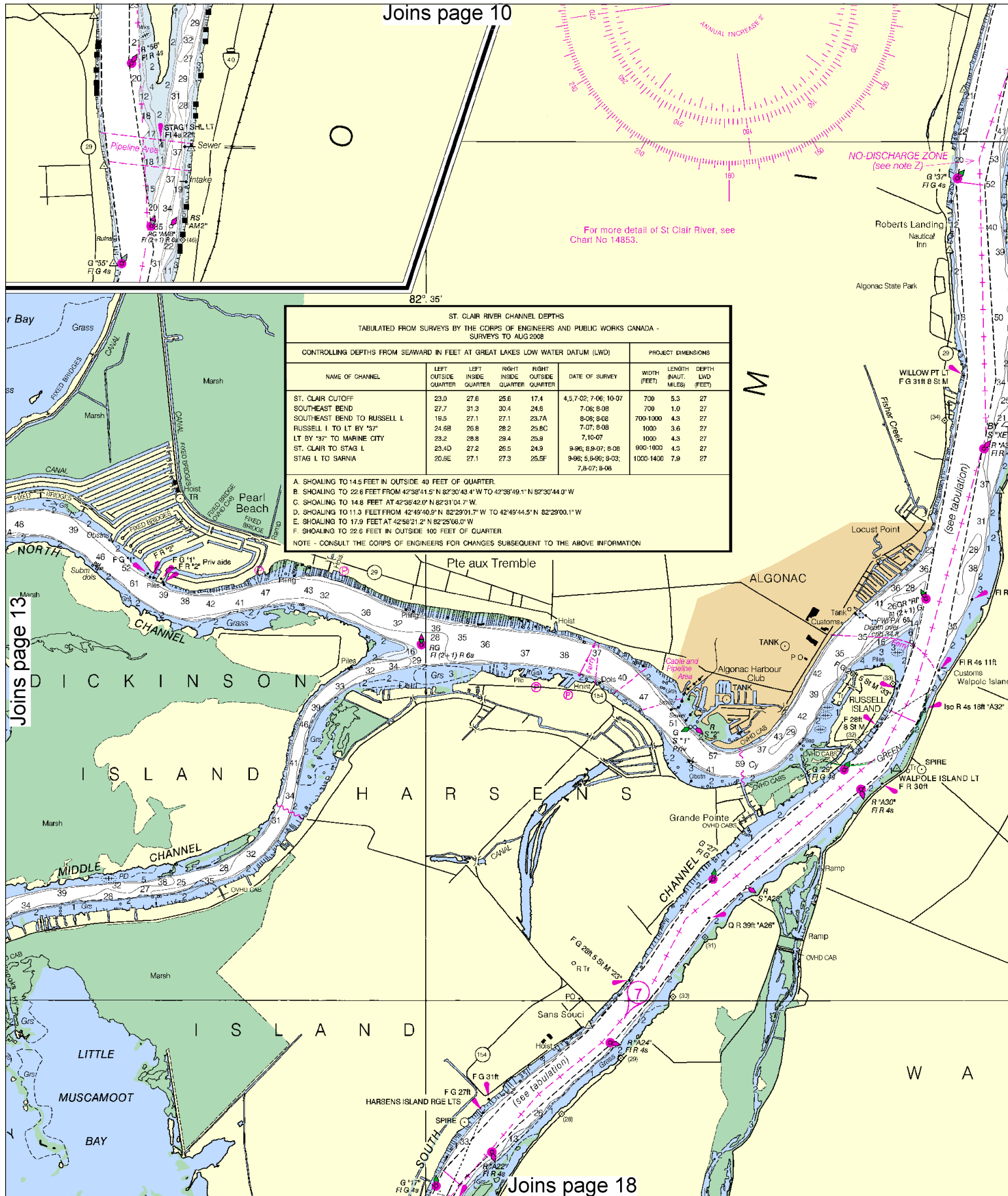
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42° 40'



For more detail of St Clair River, see
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NO-DISCHARGE ZONE
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UNITED STATES - GREAT LAKES
LAKE HURON - MICHIGAN

SAINT CLAIR RIVER

Polyconic Projection
Scale 1:40,000
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)
SOUNDINGS IN FEET

NOTES

PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum). Depths are referred to the sloping surface of the river when Lake Huron is at elevation 577.5 feet and Lake St. Clair is at elevation 572.3 feet.

Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).

AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U. S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U. S. Coast Guard Light List.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For a complete list of symbols and abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.

BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U. S. Coast Pilot 6.

AUTHORITIES. Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U. S. Coast Guard and Canadian authorities.

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CAUTION

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted stakes and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

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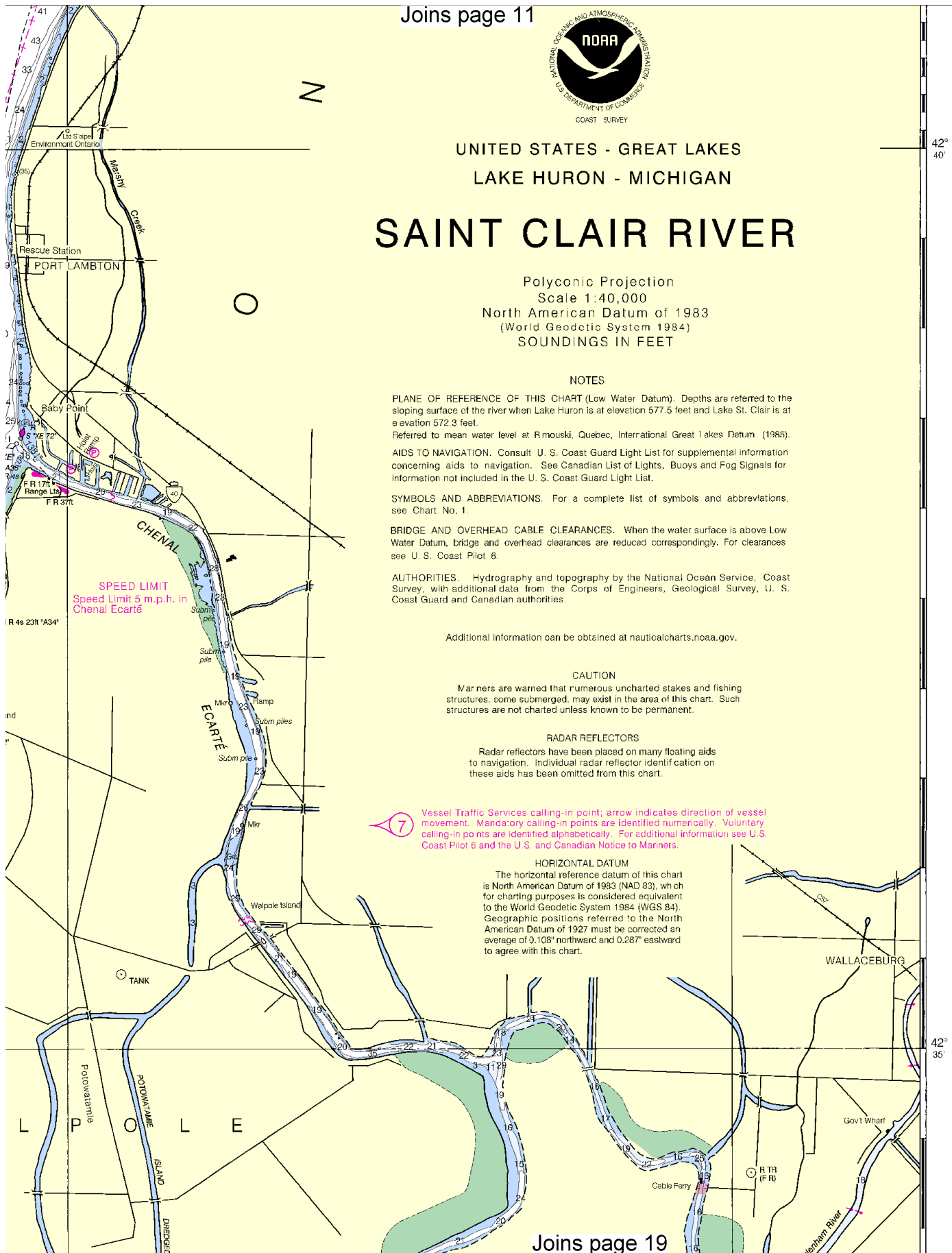
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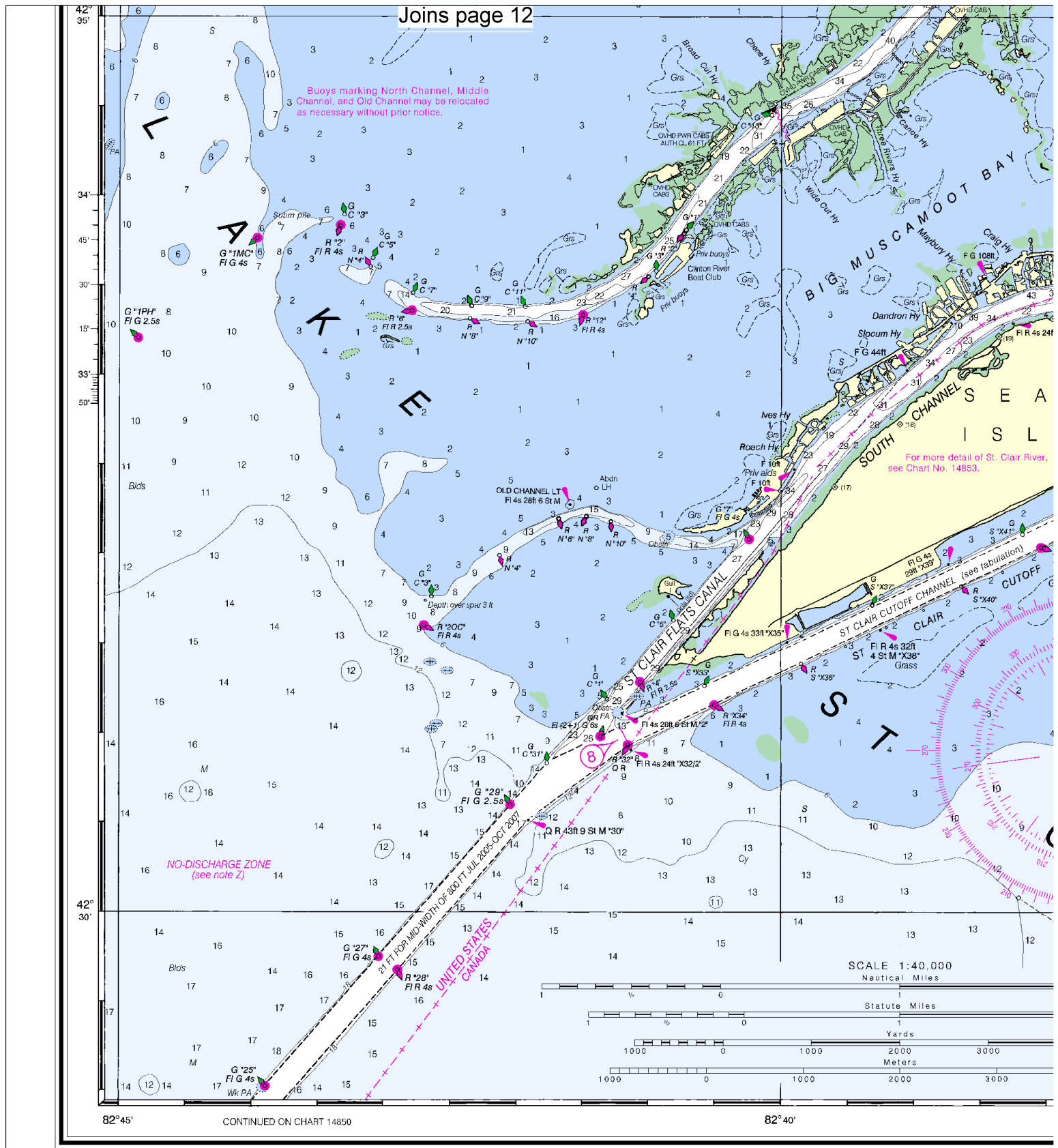
Vessel Traffic Services calling-in point; arrow indicates direction of vessel movement. Mandatory calling-in points are identified numerically. Voluntary calling-in points are identified alphabetically. For additional information see U.S. Coast Pilot 6 and the U. S. and Canadian Notice to Mariners.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.108" northward and 0.287" eastward to agree with this chart.



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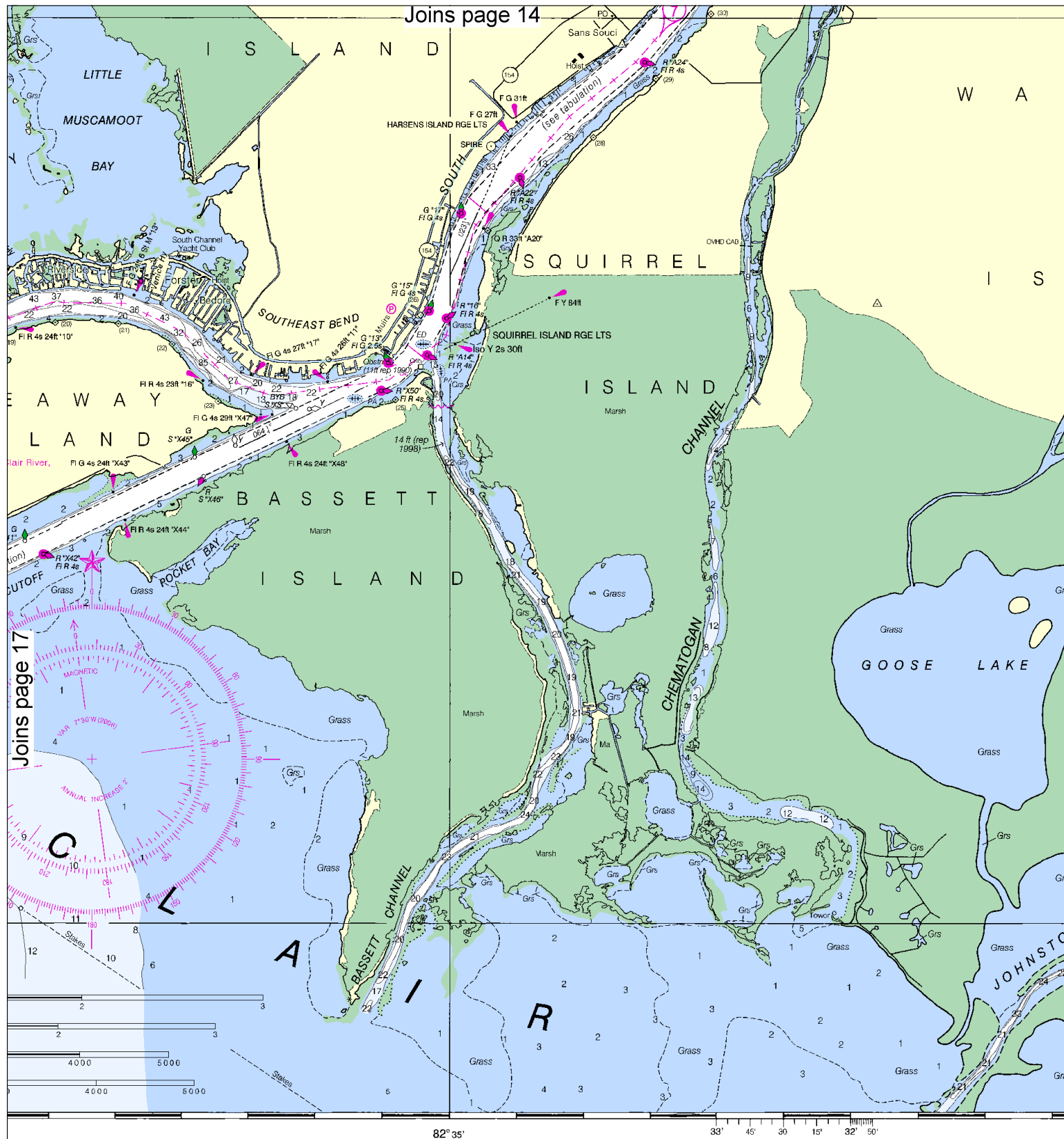
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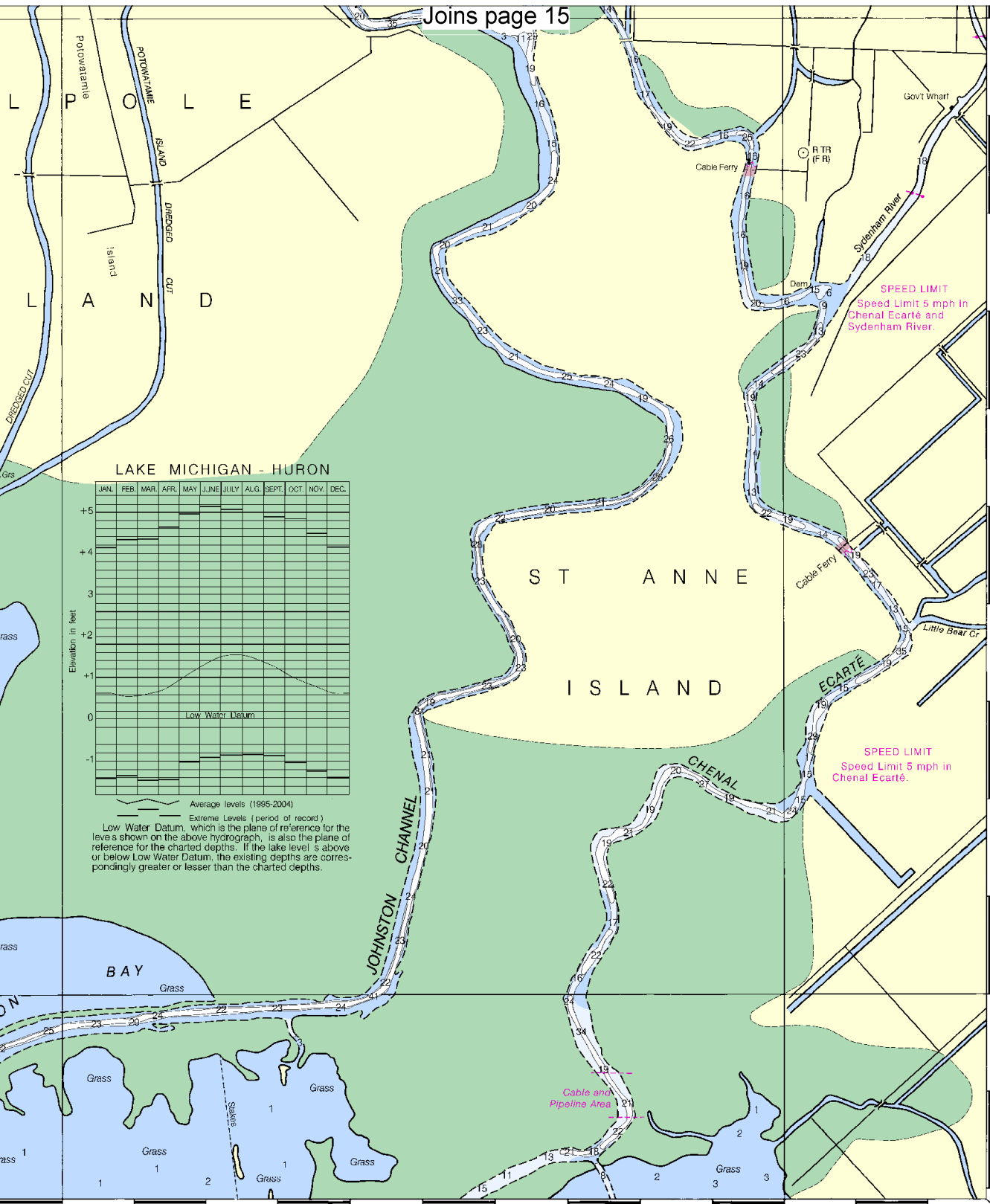


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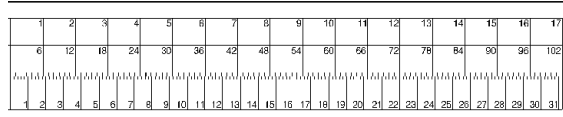
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC) – 216-902-6117

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (Detroit) – 313-568-9524 or 313-568-9560

Canadian Coast Guard (RCC Trenton) – 1-800-267-7270 or 613-965-3870

NOAA Weather Radio – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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